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SUBJ: VISIT OF MAURITANIA REPRESENTATIVE

1. MOHAMMAD OULDGIDO, DESCRIBED AS A SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT OF MAURITANIA, VISITED TEHRAN BRIEFLY AND SAW THE SHAH ON JANUARY 23. MINISTER OF COURT ALAM TOLD AMBASSADOR EVENING OF JAN. 24 THAT OULDGIDO HAD COME TO MAKE A SPECIAL PLEA FOR IRANIAN MONEY AND ARMS TO HELP MAURITANIA RESIST ALGERIA IN THE SPANISH SAHARA. OULDGIDO TOLD THE SHAH THAT ALGERIA HAD SAID EARLIER THAT THE PROBLEM OF SPANISH SAHARA COULD BE SOLVED THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT BETWEEN IT, SPAIN AND MOROCCO BUT THAT WHEN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WAS IN FACT WORKED OUT, ALGERIA REPUDIATED IT. IT THEN SET ABOUT CREATING THE POLISARIO FRONT IN SPANISH SAHARA WHICH, ACCORDING TO OULDGIDO, CONSISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF ALGERIANS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE FRONT IS WELL FINANCED AND ARMED APTH HEAVY ARTILLERY AND ANTI-TANK MISSILES. ALAM COMMENTED AS AN ASIDE THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN TOLD ABOUT POLISARIO FRONT ARMS OF THIS NATURE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOROCCO.

2. ACCORDING TO ALAM THE SHAH POLITELY HEARD OULDGIDO OUT
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AND THEN TOLD HIM THAT IRAN CAN DO NOTHING AND CAN PROMISE

NOTHING.

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